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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

GALINA YAKOVLEVNA
BONDAREVA,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 05-70202

Agency No. A95-574-507

MEMORANDUM *

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted December 5, 2005 **

Before: GOODWIN, W. FLETCHER and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Galina Yakovlevna Bondareva, a native of Russia and citizen of Uzbekistan,
petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order
summarily affirming the Immigration Judge's ("IJ") order denying her application

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cited to or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without
oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

for asylum. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence the denial of asylum, *Lata v. INS*, 204 F.3d 1241, 1245 (9th Cir. 2000), and will uphold the BIA's and IJ's decisions unless the evidence compels a contrary conclusion. *INS v. Elias-Zacarias*, 502 U.S. 478, 483-84 (1992). We deny the petition for review.

We conclude that substantial evidence supports the IJ's determination that Bondareva did not establish past persecution or a well-founded fear of future persecution because she failed to show that she suffered harm on the basis of a protected ground. *See id.* at 481-82. The record supports the IJ's finding that the burning of Bondareva's apartment was accidentally caused by New Year's fireworks, rather than intentionally started by Uzbekis seeking to persecute her on account of her ethnicity.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.